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THE "INTERNATIONAL," which'll be run at Laurel next Wednesday, currently is somewhat lame. "Round Table," the odds-on favorite for an American victory, has pulled out. "Tudor Era," a slightly less distinguished nag, has been invited to replace "Round Table." But yesterday, "Tudor Era's" owner, Herbert Herff, called Laurel officials to say that he (and his horse) are insulted that they're only second choice. He may not enter "Tudor Era." This would leave us with one American horse in the race, a goat named "Bald Eagle." Now I don't wish to insult "Bald Eagle" (or his owner), but the truth is that "Bald Eagle" was brought back from England because he couldn't race on the grass, and the "International" is an on-the-grass race.

MICROSCOOPING THE GOVERNMENT: The National Institutes of Health cafeteria was all set to be the most romantic dining place in town yesterday. Candles were placed all around preparatory to the lights being turned off due to building repairs. At the last minute, tho, it wasn't necessary. • A letter from the Small Business Administration says the Christmas wreath has been in the window since last Christmas because "every day is Christmas at SBA." It's signed: "We love our boss." • Don't tell anyone, but the cornerstone Ike laid at the new Central Intelligence Agency building has been removed until more work's done on the foundation. • The Voice of America broadcast the Fairfax League of Women Voters' "United Nations Town Meeting." • Some letters from congressmen to the Government Accounting Office were found on the floor of the Peoples Drug Store at Seventh-st and Massachusetts-ay nw.

